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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2004, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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